CLAIMS

We Claim:

- 1. A method for transaction management and processing in a trading environment comprising:
 - providing an Order Management System for receiving Orders;
- processing Orders, by way of said Order Management System, whereby processing Orders further comprising the steps of;
 - providing Orders from an Order Management System to an Exchange; and,
 - providing transaction information for Orders from an Exchange to an Order Management System; and

whereby said Order Management System comprises components selected from the group comprising; at least two cooperating services, in-memory cache, and client API.

- 2. A method as in claim 1 wherein the step of providing an Order Management System for receiving Orders further comprises providing said Order Management System in a distributed computing environment.
- 3. A method as in claim 1 wherein the step of providing an Order Management System for receiving Orders further comprises providing said Order Management System in a multi-threaded implementation.

- 4. A method as in claim 1 wherein said components are, at least in part, written in C++.
- 5. A method for order processing comprising;
 - accepting an Order through a client API;
 - providing, from said client API, said Order to a Session Manager;
 - providing a session for said Order;
 - transmitting said Order from said Session Manager to an Entry Service; and,
 - attempting to Validate said Order through a Validation Service.
- 6. A method as in claim 5 further comprising the step of failing to Validate said Order.
- 7. A method as in claim 5 further comprising the steps of:
 - validating said Order;
 - notifying an Entry Service through said Validation Service;
 - transmitting said Order from said Entry Service to a Transaction Service; and
 - creating an Object for said Order.
- 8. A method as in claim 7 wherein the step of creating an Object for said Order comprises creating an Order Object.
- 9. A method as in claim 7 wherein the step of creating an Object for said Order comprises creating an Execution Object.

- 10. A method as in claim 7 further comprising the steps of:
 - transmitting said Object to a Collection Service;
 - transmitting said Object to a Notification Service; and,
 - transmitting said Order to a Client API.
- 11. The Object of Claim 7.
- 12. The Order Object of Claim 8.
- 13. The Execution Object of Claim 9.
- 14. A method for constructing an Order Management System comprising:
 - implementing at least two cooperating services components;
 - implementing an in-memory cache component, and
 - implementing a client API, for use on a distributed computing platform.
- 15. An Order Management System comprising at least two cooperating services, an in-memory cache, and a client API, implemented on a distributed computing platform.
- 16. An Order Management Network comprised of at least one Order Management System.

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- 17. A toolkit for constructing an Order Management System comprising cooperating services components, in-memory cache components, and a client API.
- 18. A toolkit as in claim 17, wherein said cooperating services components further comprise; a Session Manager; an Entry Service; a Validation Service; a Transaction Service; a Collection Service; and a Notification Service.
- 19. A toolkit as in claim 17 wherein said cooperating service components are written, at least in part, in C++.